

Amendment to the claims:

Cancel Claims 1-7.

Claim 8 (canceled)

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Claim 10-11 (canceled)

Cancel Claims 12-23.

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) A multiple modulus conversion (MMC) method for obtaining a plurality of index values associated with a plurality of moduli, for use in a communication system configured to map frames of information bits onto predetermined communication signal parameters, the method comprising:

obtaining an input Q_0 ;

representing the input as a plurality of sub-quotients in the form of $Q_0 = Q_{0,0} + Q_{0,1} * B^{n(0)} + \dots + Q_{0,k} * B^{n(0)+n(1)+\dots+n(k-1)}$, where $Q_{0,j}$ is the j^{th} sub-quotient of the input, B is the base numbering system, $n(j)$ is the number of digits assigned for the j^{th} sub-quotient, and $k+1$ is the number of sub-quotients, for $j=[0,k]$;

obtaining a multiplicand C_i , that is an estimate of the inverse of a whole number Y_i , where Y_i is one of the moduli;

performing an inverse modulus multiplication operation by:

calculating at least one sub-quotient of the output pseudo-quotient corresponding to Y_i according to the following formula: $Q_{i,j} = ((Q_{i-1,j} + R_{i,j+1} * B^{n(j)}) * C_i) \gg N_3$, where $Q_{i-1,j}$ is one of a sub-quotient from a previous calculation and a sub-quotient of the input, $R_{i,j+1}$ is the pseudo-remainder from a previous calculation, and N_3 is the number of digits used to represent C_i ; and

calculating a pseudo-remainder according to the following formula: $R_{i,j} = (Q_{i-1,j} + R_{i,j+1} * B^{n(j)}) - (Q_{i,j} * Y_i)$; and

determining an index value associated with the modulus Y_i , the index value being responsive to the inverse modulus multiplication operation.

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24. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein C_i is estimated according to the formula: $C_i = \text{floor}(B^{N3}/Y_i)$, where the floor function returns the largest integer less than its argument.
25. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein C_i is estimated according to the formula: $C_i = \text{ceil}(B^{N3}/Y_i)$, where the ceil function returns the smallest integer greater than its argument.
26. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein C_i is estimated according to the formula: $C_i = \text{rnd}(B^{N3}/Y_i)$, where the rnd function returns the closest integer to its argument.
27. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the index value is determined by:
obtaining a final pseudo-remainder $R_{i,0}$ associated with a least significant sub-quotient $Q_{i,0}$; and
performing a final pseudo-remainder correction loop, wherein the value Y_i is repeatedly added to $R_{i,0}$ until the result is in the range $[0, Y_i)$.
28. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the index value is determined by:
obtaining a final pseudo-remainder $R_{i,0}$ associated with a least significant sub-quotient $Q_{i,0}$; and
performing a final pseudo-remainder correction loop, wherein the value Y_i is repeatedly subtracted to $R_{i,0}$ until the result is in the range $[0, Y_i)$.
29. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the index value is determined by:
obtaining a final pseudo-remainder $R_{i,0}$ associated with a least significant sub-quotient $Q_{i,0}$; and
performing a final pseudo-remainder correction loop, wherein the value Y_i is alternately added and subtracted to $R_{i,0}$ until the result is in the range $[0, Y_i)$.
30. (New) A short word inverse multiplication method for use in multiple modulus conversion (MMC), comprising:

obtaining an input quotient $Q_{i-1} = Q_{i-1,0} + Q_{i-1,1} * B^{n(0)} + \dots + Q_{i-1,k} * B^{n(0)+n(1)+\dots+n(k-1)}$, where $Q_{i-1,j}$ is the j^{th} sub-quotient of the input quotient, B is the base of the numbering system, and $n(j)$ is the number of digits assigned for the j^{th} sub-quotient, and $k+1$ is the total number of sub-quotients in the input quotient;

initializing a pseudo-remainder $R_{i,k+1}$ to 0;

performing an inverse multiplication loop, performed for each sub-quotient starting with $Q_{i-1,k}$ and proceeding one by one to $Q_{i-1,0}$, by the following operations:

calculating the output sub-quotient $Q_{i,j} = ((Q_{i-1,j} + R_{i,j+1} * B^{n(j)}) * C_i) \gg N_3$, where C_i is an estimate of the inverse of a whole number Y_i , and N_3 is the number of digits used to represent C_i ;

calculating the pseudo-remainder $R_{i,j} = (Q_{i-1,j} + R_{i,j+1} * B^{n(j)}) - (Q_{i,j} * Y_i)$;

31. (New) A method according to claim 30, further comprising:

determining whether the final pseudo-remainder $R_{i,0}$ is in the range $[0, Y_i]$;

performing the following operations when $R_{i,0}$ is not in the range $[0, Y_i]$:

adding or subtracting Y_i from $R_{i,0}$; and

changing the output sub-quotient $Q_{i,0}$ by one.

32. (New) A method according to Claim 31, wherein changing includes incrementing and decrementing.

33. (New) A method according to claim 30, further comprising:

performing a pseudo-remainder correction loop by:

determining whether the final pseudo-remainder $R_{i,0}$ is in the range $[0, Y_i]$;

exiting the loop if $R_{i,0}$ is in the range $[0, Y_i]$;

performing one of adding and subtracting Y_i from $R_{i,0}$;

performing one of incrementing and decrementing the output sub-quotient $Q_{i,0}$ by one.

34. (New) A multiple modulus conversion (MMC) method for obtaining a plurality of index values associated with a plurality of moduli, for use in a communication system configured to

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map frames of information bits onto predetermined communication signal parameters, said method comprising:

- obtaining an input;
- representing the input as a plurality of sub-quotients;
- obtaining a plurality of multiplicands that are estimates of the inverses of the moduli;
- performing a short word inverse multiplication method for each multiplicand, wherein the output sub-quotients of each inverse multiplication are used as the input sub-quotients for the next operation; and
- determining an index value associated with each modulus, the index values being equal to the outputs $R_i = R_{i,0}$ of the short word inverse multiplication method.

35. (New) A multiple modulus conversion (MMC) method for obtaining a plurality of index values associated with a plurality of moduli, for use in a communication system configured to map frames of information bits onto predetermined communication signal parameters, said method comprising:

- obtaining an input;
- representing the input as a plurality of sub-quotients;
- obtaining a plurality, M , of multiplicands that are estimates of the inverses of the moduli,
- performing a short word inverse multiplication method for each of the M multiplicands, wherein the output sub-quotients of each inverse multiplication are used as the input sub-quotients for the next operation;
- performing a final remainder correction loop, performed for all but the last pseudo-remainder outputs, $R_i = R_{i,0}$, $i=[1, M-1]$, by:
 - performing an inner correction loop by:
 - determining whether R_i is within the range $[0, Y_i)$;
 - exiting the inner loop if R_i is in the range $[0, Y_i)$;
 - performing one of adding and subtracting Y_i and R_i ; and
 - performing one of incrementing and decrementing R_{i+1} by one; and
 - determining an index value associated with each modulus, the index values being equal to the corrected remainders R_i , $i=[1, M]$.